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ABSTRACT

The statistics in this report are based on data obtained from the October, 1974, Current Population Survey conducted by the Bureau of the Census. Estimates are made of the number of children three to five years old enrolled in preprimary programs and analyzed by selected socioeconomic factors of age, race, type of school, control of school (private or public), type of residence, and family income. (Author/MLF)

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HIGHLIGHTS

The child most likely to be enrolled in a preprimary program was 5 years old, from a white collar, college-educated family with an annual income of $10,000 or more, in a metropolitan area in the West.

The program in which a child was most likely to be enrolled was a publicly controlled part-day kindergarten. The older the child, the less likely he or she was to attend a full-day program- although a Black child was more likely than was a White child to be enrolled in a full-day program.

Enrollment–Enrollment in preprimary programs increased from 29.4 percent of 3- to-5-year-olds in 1966 to 48.7 percent in 1975.

Control–Of all 3- to-5-year-old children enrolled in 1975, 65.6 percent attended publicly controlled preprimary programs and 34.4 percent attended nonpublic programs.

Region–Because of substantially increased participation in the South, there are no major differences in the participation rates among the regions.

Residence–Children residing in metropolitan areas outside cities composed a larger segment of preprimary enrollment (54.1 percent) than did children living in central cities (49.9 percent) or children living in nonmetropolitan areas (41.2 percent).

Family Income–More children whose families had an annual income of at least $10,000 were enrolled than were children of families in any other income group.

Occupation of Head of Household–Higher percentages of children from white-collar families were enrolled than were children from other families.

Education of Head of Household–The higher the level of education completed by the household head, the greater were the chances a child 3 to 5 years old would be enrolled in a preprimary program.

Length of Session–Most children enrolled in preprimary programs attended on a part-day basis (73.9 percent). Enrollment rates in full-day programs were higher for Black children (48.9 percent) than for White children (21.8 percent).

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FOREWORD

This report is one in a continuing series presenting statistics on enrollment of 3- to 5-year-old children in preprimary educational programs. The series was established in 1964 in response to the expressed concern of educators about the importance of early childhood education. This most recent edition of *Preprimary Enrollment* describes enrollments and enrollment rates for October 1975.

In the opinion of many educators, the proper preparation of children ages 3 to 5 for formal schooling is one of the most significant factors determining the success of these children in the educational system. The educators believe that organized preprimary programs are of particular importance in preparing the disadvantaged children socially, psychologically, and physically for the experiences and demands they will encounter in the elementary grades. To reveal the extent of acceptance and benefits of preprimary education, enrollment rates are analyzed here by selected socioeconomic factors defined by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

It is hoped that this publication will serve as a basic statistical reference for researchers in the field of early childhood education. It is also hoped that the data will prove useful to those involved in planning and operating preprimary programs and facilities.

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INTRODUCTION

In recent years increasing emphasis has been placed on introducing children to formalized education before the traditional age of 6. Experiences during these early years of a child's development are significant in determining the child's later success in school. Research has shown that intensive intellectual stimulation of children 3 to 5 years old in an organized educational environment favorably affects their later learning abilities. In addition, there is a critical need to reduce, at an early age, the multiple effects of poverty by encouraging suitable social behavior and providing family assistance, proper nutrition, and other aids towards later success in school.

As a result, an increasing number of children have been enrolled in formal educational programs below the primary level. Recognizing the importance of this expanding area, the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) has, since 1964, issued a series of annual reports relating enrollment in preprimary programs to a number of socioeconomic factors.[1] The reports are intended to meet the needs of educational researchers and administrators in the area for timely, accurate data and to provide basic information for the general public.

[1]The data for 1973 were published as *Nursery School and Kindergarten Enrollment: October 1973*, Bureau of Census Publication Series P-20, No. 268, U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

SOURCE AND RELIABILITY OF THE DATA

The estimates are based on data obtained in October 1975 by the Bureau of the Census in the Current Population Survey. This survey covers a sample spread over 461 areas, comprising 923 counties and cities, with coverage in each of the 50 States and the District of Columbia. Approximately 47,000 occupied households were eligible for interview each month. Of this number, 2,000 occupied units, on the average, were visited but interviews were not obtained because the occupants were not at home after repeated calls or were unavailable for some other reason. In addition to the 47,000, about 8,000 sample units were visited but were found to be vacant or otherwise ineligible.

The estimating procedure used in this survey involves the inflation of the weighted sample results to independent estimates of the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States by age, sex, and race. Since the figures shown in this report are based on sample data, they may differ from figures that would have been obtained from a complete census. Tables of standard errors included in appendix C give an indication of the degree of sampling variability. The reader is cautioned that sampling variation may be relatively large where the numbers shown are small.

Individual figures are rounded to the nearest thousand without being adjusted to group totals, which are independently rounded. Hence, details may not add to totals.

ANALYSIS OF THE OCTOBER 1975 DATA

The percentage of children 3 to 5 years old enrolled in preprimary programs has steadily increased from 29.4 percent in 1966 (the first year of the survey series) to 48.7 percent in 1975. The actual number of children enrolled increased from 3,674,000 in 1966 to 4,955,000 in 1975—a 34.9 percent increase. The enrollment percentage increase in this period derived from both the increase in preprimary enrollment and

the decrease in the 3-to-5-year-old population. (See tabulation below and figure 1.)

Year	Total children 3 to 5 years old	Children enrolled in preprimary programs	
		Number	Percent
	(Numbers in thousands)		
1975	10,185	4,955	48.7
1974	10,393	4,699	45.2
1973	10,344	4,234	40.9
1972	10,166	4,231	41.6
1971	10,610	4,148	39.1
1970	10,949	4,104	37.5
1969	11,424	3,949	34.6
1968	11,905	3,928	33.0
1967	12,242	3,868	31.6
1966	12,468	3,674	29.4

Preprimary enrollment rates varied considerably by age. In 1975 the rate was highest for 5-year-olds, with 81.3 percent, 2,854,000 enrolled, followed by the rates for 4-year-olds (40.5 percent) and 3-year-olds (21.5 percent). (See table 1.) Between 1974 and 1975, the total number of children enrolled increased approximately 255,000, or 5.0 percent. The 5-year-olds, with an increase of 161,000 pupils (6.0 percent), had the highest absolute increase, but the 4-year-olds, with an increase of 96,000 pupils (7.3 percent), had the highest relative increase. Enrollment of 3-year-olds decreased slightly (by 12,000) during this period.

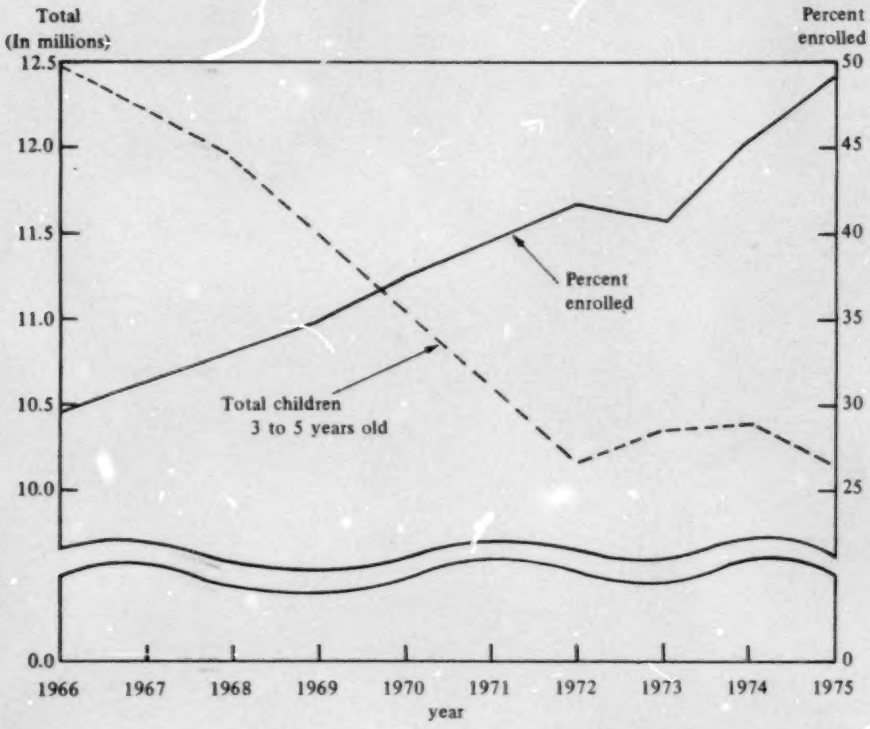
In October 1975 there were 3,211,000 children attending kindergarten, constituting 31.5 percent of the population of 3- to 5-year-olds (table 1). Between 1974 and 1975, enrollment of this group increased by 115,000 (3.7 percent). Five-year-olds accounted for 85.3 percent of all kindergarten enrollment in 1975.

At the prekindergarten level, both the number and percent of children enrolled reached a high in 1975—1,745,000, or 17.1 percent of the population of 3- to 5-year-olds (table 1). About 94 percent of the enrollment was composed of 3- and 4-year-olds (653,000 and 976,000, respectively).

There was little difference between the 1975 enrollment rates of White and Black[2] 3- and 5-year-olds

[2]The designation "Black" is used by NCES in preference to "Negro," which appears on the Current Population Survey form.

Figure 1.—Total children 3 to 5 years old and percent enrolled in preprimary programs: United States 1966-75



(48.6 percent and 48.1 percent, respectively). (See table 1.)

Prior to fall 1974, the rate was higher for Black 3- and 4-year-olds; however, in 1974 the rate for White 3-year-olds surpassed the Black rate for this age group. In 1975 the rate for Black 3-year-olds increased from 19.2 percent to 22.1 percent, surpassing the White rate of 21.1 percent. The rate for Black 4-year-olds increased from 39.0 percent to 45.7 percent in 1975. White children of the same age showed a slight increase from 37.4 percent in 1974 to 39.5 percent in 1975. Among 5-year-olds, enrollment rates in 1975 continued to be higher for Whites (82.4 percent) than for Blacks (75.3 percent).

While most enrolled 5-year-olds were in preprimary programs in October 1975, an additional 322,000 (9.2 percent of that age group) were enrolled at the primary level (table 9). Primary-level enrollment of 5-year-olds is strongly affected by State and local attendance laws and regulations. A number of States permit children whose sixth birthday occurs after the opening of the fall term (as late as January in some districts) to enroll in primary grades. Other States require that the sixth birthday be reached before the beginning of the fall term. In these States, 186,000 6 year-olds were still in preprimary programs (table 10).

CONTROL

In October 1975, 65.6 percent of the enrolled 3- to 5-year-old children attended publicly operated schools; 34.4 percent, nonpublic schools (derived from table 1). More than 80 percent of all children enrolled in kindergarten were in public programs, whereas nearly 68 percent of the children in prekindergarten were in nonpublic programs. However, the majority of enrolled Black 3- to 5-year-olds were in public programs at both the prekindergarten and kindergarten levels (62.0 percent and 90.0 percent, respectively). Among White 3- to 5-year-olds, 27.2 percent at the prekindergarten level and 82.5 percent at the kindergarten level attended public programs.

REGION

Among the regions of the United States[3] the South traditionally has had the lowest preprimary rate for children 3 to 5 years old. However, there was a notable increase in the South from 43.1 percent in 1974 to 47.0 percent in 1975, making its enrollment rate comparable with those of the other regions. Still, the South's rate for 5-year-olds (76.6 percent) is the lowest among the regions and below the national average of 81.3 percent (figure 2 and table 2).

METROPOLITAN STATUS

"Metropolitan status," as defined in this study, is based on the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas (SMSA's) defined by the U.S. Bureau of the Census[4]. The difference between the enrollment rates of "metropolitan, central" and "metropolitan, other" areas was relatively small in 1975—49.9 percent and 54.1 percent, respectively (table 3). The enrollment rate in nonmetropolitan areas was significantly lower (41.2 percent), probably because fewer preprimary programs were available in such areas.

FAMILY INCOME

The highest enrollment rate (53.7 percent) was found among 3- to 5-year-old children in families earning $10,000 or more a year (table 4). This relationship held true for each of the age groups—3, 4, and 5. Children in this income group represented slightly more than half of all children enrolled in preprimary programs. Little difference was evident among enrollment rates of 3- to 5-year-olds for the family income categories below $10,000. Enrollment rates ranged from a low of 39.1 percent among families earning $3,000-$4,999 to a high of 44.0 percent for families earning $7,500 to $9,999 annually.

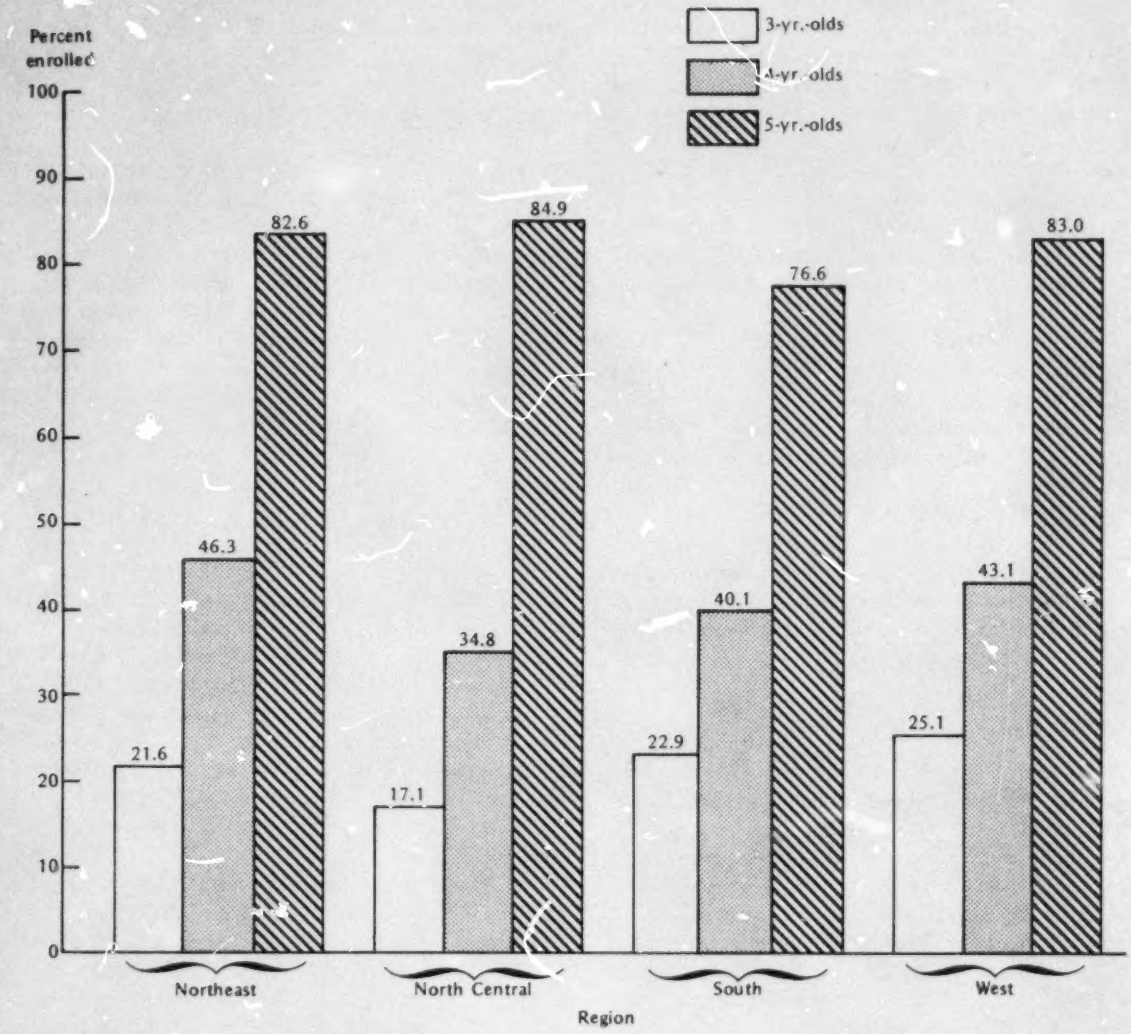
For 5-year-old children there was little difference in enrollment rates between the under $3,000 and the $5,000 to $7,499 family income categories, which had enrollment rates of 76.3 percent and 74.7 percent and 74.7 percent, respectively. The $3,000-$4,999 category represented the lowest enrollment rate (71.3 percent). In families with annual incomes between $4,500-$9,000 and $10,000 and above, enrollment rates for 5-year-olds were 81.7 percent and 85.1 percent, respectively.

Family income appears to be a more crucial factor in the enrollment rate of children 3 and 4 years old. Among 3-year-olds the rate for the $10,000- or more category was 26.8 percent compared with an average of 14.6 percent for categories below $10,000. The comparable percentages for 4-year-olds were 45.8 and 33.3. The greater number of tuitioned nonpublic prekindergarten programs compared with free public prekinder-

[3] As grouped by the U.S. Bureau of the Census. See appendix B for State list.

[4] See appendix A.

Figure 2.--Preprimary enrollment of children 3 to 5 years old as percent of population, by age and region: United States, October 1975



garten programs evidently contributed to the higher enrollment rates for 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds in families earning $10,000 or more.

OCCUPATION AND EDUCATION OF HOUSEHOLD HEAD

The preprimary enrollment rate of 3- to 5-year-olds was considerably higher than average for children of white-collar families (60.2 percent) and considerably lower than average for children of farm families (32.2 percent). (See table 5 and figure 3.) Enrollment rates among Black children were slightly higher than among White children of the same ages in all occupational categories. The enrollment rate among 3- to 5-year-old Black children in the white-collar category increased from 51.5 percent in 1974[5] to 61.6 percent in 1975.

Data in table 6 show that the preprimary rate increased with each additional level of education achieved by the household head, ranging from a high of 65.4 percent for children in families headed by college

[5]U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, National Center for Education Statistics, *Preprimary Enrollment 1974*, Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1975, table 5.

Figure 3.--Preprimary enrollment of children 3 to 5 years old as percent of population, by age and by occupation of household head: U
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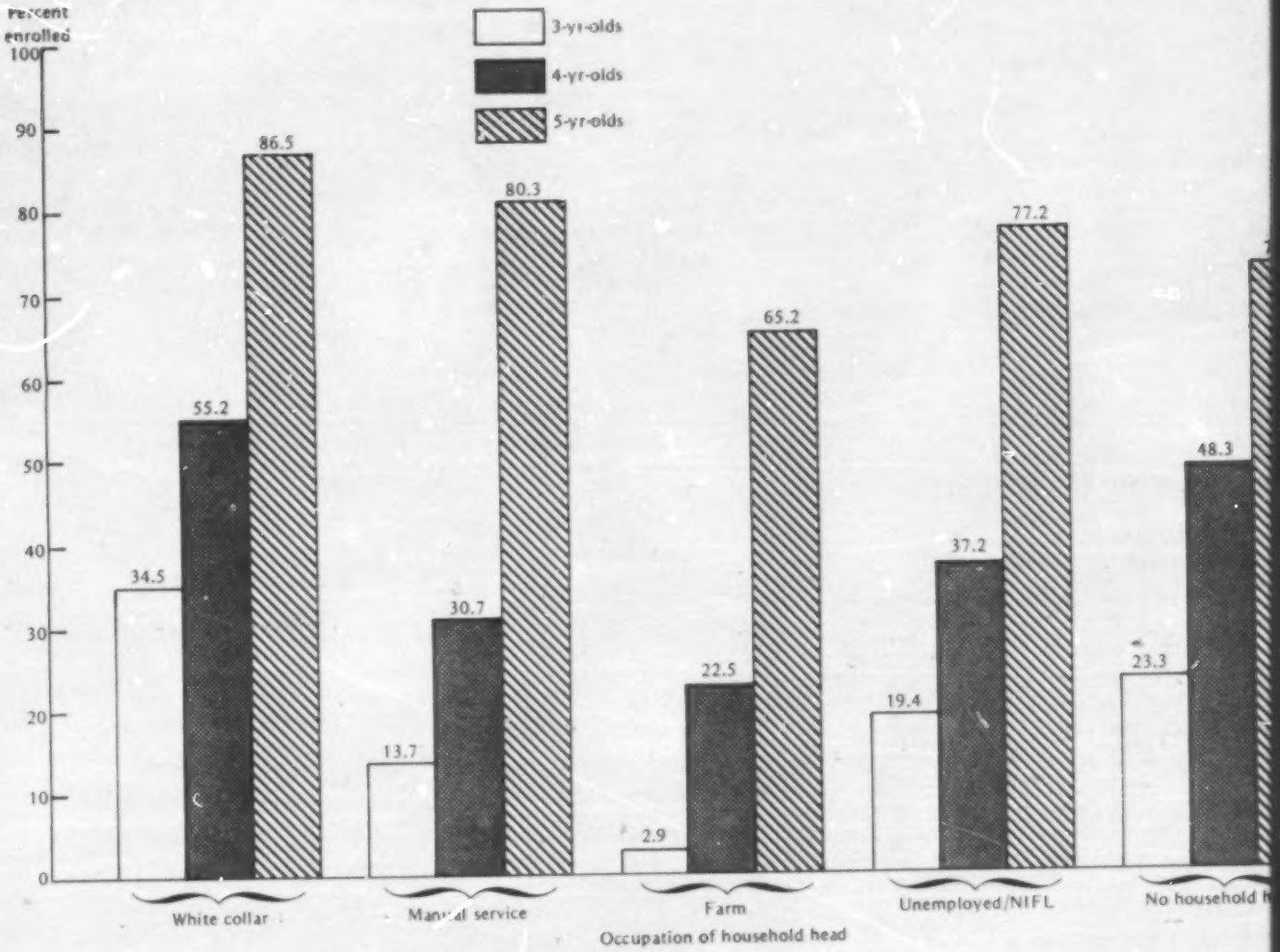

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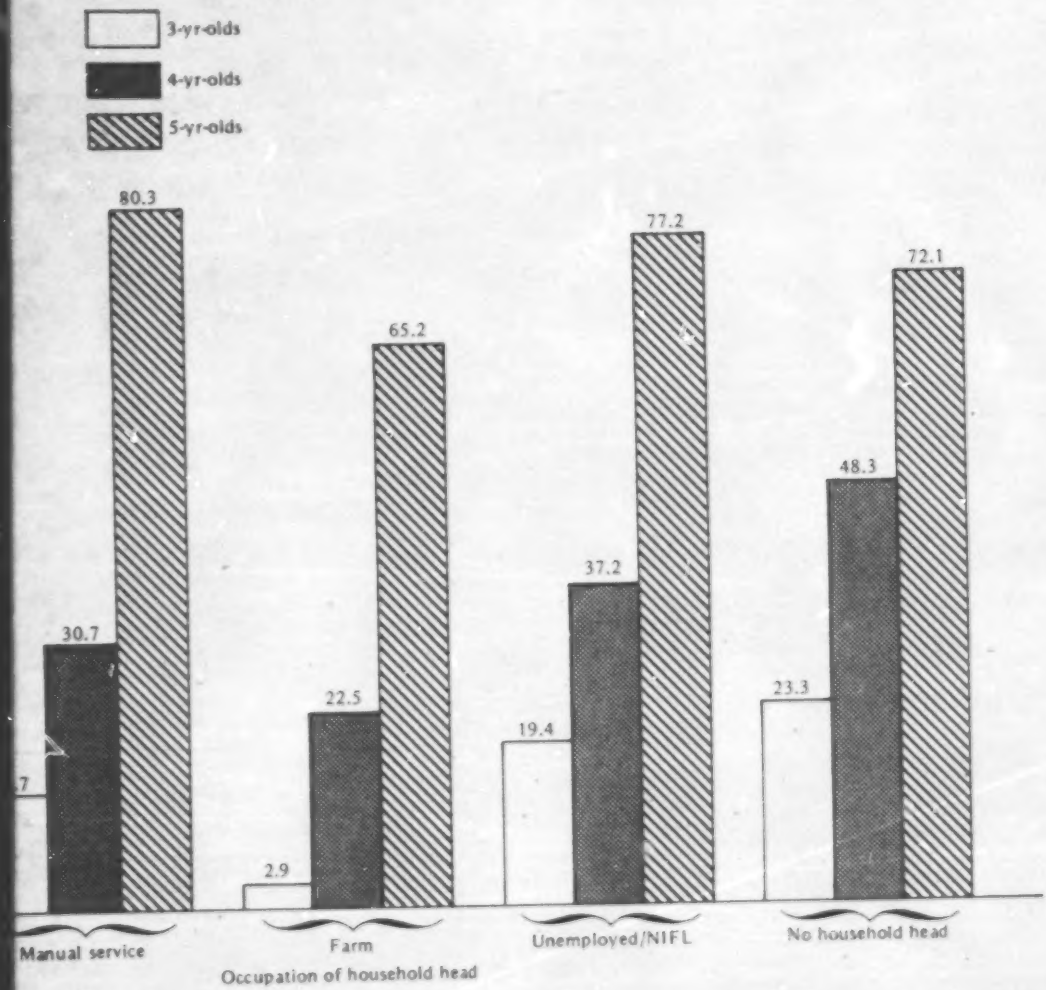
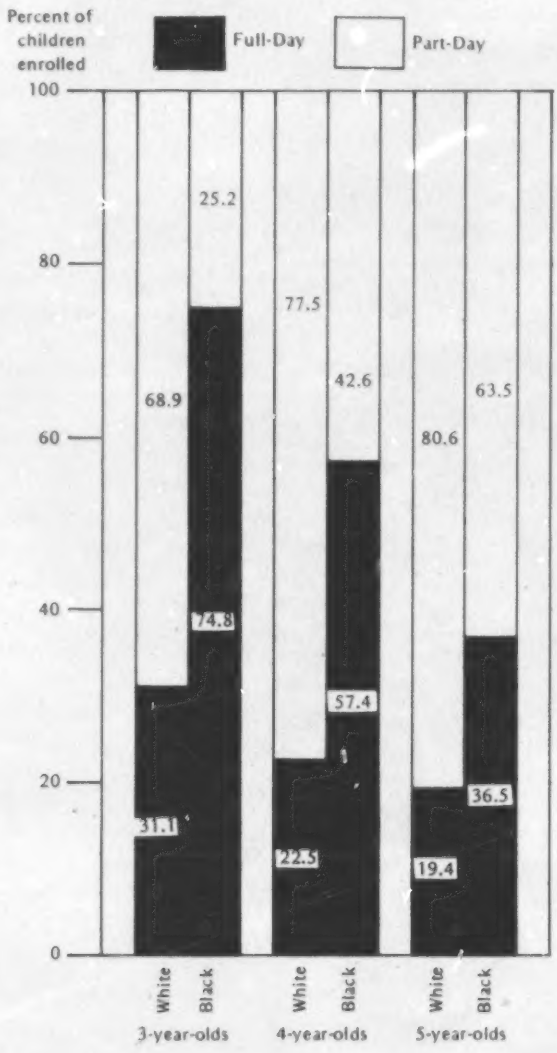


graduates to a low of 39.7 percent for children in families where the head of household did not go to high school. Among 3-year-olds, this range was even more extreme, the comparable percentages being 42.0 percent and 11.5 percent, respectively. The same general pattern can be observed for 4- and 5-year-olds.

FULL-DAY AND PART-DAY ATTENDANCE

Nearly three-fourths of the children enrolled in preprimary programs attended for only part of the day (table 7). As the age of the child increased, the chance that he or she was enrolled in a full-day session decreased. Full-day enrollment rates for all preprimary children were considerably higher for Black than for White children (figure 4).

Figure 4.–Distribution of preprimary enrollment of children 3 to 5 years old, by full-day and part-day attendance, by age and race: United States, October 1975



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Abbreviations:

INR – Income not reported
NILF – Not in labor force

Table 1.–Population and preprimary enrollment of children 3 to 5 years old, by level, control of program, age, and race: United States, October 1975

(Numbers in thousands)

Age and race*	Number in population	Enrolled in preprimary			Enrolled in prekindergarten			Enrolled in kindergarten		
		Total	Public	Nonpublic	Total	Public	Nonpublic	Total	Public	Nonpublic
Total 3 – 5 years	10,185	4,955	3,253	1,703	1,745	570	1,174	3,211	2,682	528
White	8,441	4,106	2,598	1,505	1,429	389	1,040	2,677	2,209	469
Other races	1,744	849	655	194	316	181	135	533	473	60
(Black)	(1,521)	(732)	(585)	(147)	(276)	(171)	(105)	(455)	(413)	(42)
3 years	3,177	683	191	492	653	179	474	30	11	18
White	2,617	551	119	432	335	113	422	16	7	10
Other races	560	132	71	61	119	67	52	13	5	9
(Black)	(491)	(109)	(66)	(42)	(101)	(62)	(39)	(8)	(5)	(4)
4 years	3,499	1,418	645	773	976	332	644	442	313	129
White	2,900	1,146	453	693	804	230	573	342	222	120
Other races	598	273	193	80	173	102	71	100	91	9
(Black	(515)	(235)	(172)	(63)	(151)	(97)	(54)	(85)	(75)	(9)
5 years	3,509	2,854	2,417	437	115	59	57	2,739	2,358	381
White	2,923	2,409	2,026	384	91	46	44	2,319	1,980	339
Other races	586	445	391	54	25	13	12	420	378	41
(Black)	(514)	(387)	(346)	(41)	(25)	(13)	(12)	(362)	(334)	(29)
		Enrolled as percent of population								
Total 3 – 5 years		48.7	31.9	16.7	17.1	5.6	11.5	31.5	26.3	5.2
White		48.6	30.8	17.9	16.9	4.6	12.3	31.7	26.2	5.6
Other races		48.7	37.5	11.1	18.1	10.4	7.7	30.6	27.1	3.4
(Black)		(48.1)	(38.5)	(9.6)	(18.2)	(11.3)	(6.9)	(29.9)	(27.2)	(2.7)
3 years		21.5	6.0	15.5	20.6	5.6	14.9	.9	.4	.6
White		21.1	4.6	16.5	20.4	4.3	16.1	.6	.3	.4
Other races		23.6	12.7	10.9	21.2	11.9	9.3	2.4	.8	1.6
(Black)		(22.1)	(13.5)	(8.6)	(20.5)	(12.6)	(7.9)	(1.7)	(.9)	(.7)
4 years		40.5	18.4	22.1	27.9	9.5	18.4	12.6	8.9	3.7
White		39.5	15.6	23.9	27.7	7.9	19.8	11.8	7.7	4.1
Other races		45.6	32.2	13.4	28.8	17.0	11.8	16.7	15.1	1.6
(Black)		(45.7)	(33.4)	(12.3)	(29.2)	(18.8)	(10.5)	(16.4)	(14.6)	(1.8)
5 years		81.3	68.9	12.5	3.3	1.7	1.6	78.0	67.2	10.8
White		82.4	69.3	13.1	3.1	1.6	1.5	79.3	67.7	11.6
Other races		75.8	66.7	9.1	4.2	2.2	2.1	71.6	64.5	7.1
(Black)		(75.3)	(67.4)	(7.9)	(4.8)	(2.5)	(2.4)	(70.5)	(64.9)	(5.6)

*Numbers shown for "Black" are also included in "other races."
NOTE: Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

Table 2.–Population and preprimary enrollment of children 3 to 5 years old, by region, age, and race: United States, October 1975

(Numbers in thousands)

Age and race*	Northeast		North Central		South		West	
	Population	Enrolled	Population	Enrolled	Population	Enrolled	Population	Enrolled
Total 3– 5 years . .	2,213	1,114	2,720	1,280	3,346	1,573	1,906	989
White	1,940	981	2,343	1,107	2,534	1,185	1,625	834
Other races	273	133	377	173	813	388	281	155
(Black)	(246)	(124)	(356)	(162)	(774)	(370)	(144)	(75)
3 years	732	158	798	136	1,096	251	552	138
White	640	143	682	121	820	174	475	113
Other races	92	16	116	15	276	77	77	25
(Black)	(78)	(12)	(113)	(14)	(270)	(77)	(30)	(7)
4 years	739	342	975	340	1,102	442	683	294
White	645	288	851	292	823	320	581	246
Other races	93	54	124	48	279	123	102	48
(Black)	(82)	(50)	(111)	(42)	(259)	(116)	(64)	(27)
5 years	742	613	947	804	1,149	880	671	557
White	654	550	810	695	891	691	568	474
Other races	88	64	137	110	258	189	102	82
(Black)	(86)	(63)	(132)	(107)	(245)	(177)	(51)	(41)
	Enrolled as percent of population							
Total 3 – 5 years .		50.3		47.1		47.0		51.9
White		50.6		47.3		46.8		51.3
Other races		48.7		45.8		47.7		55.3
(Black)		(50.6)		(45.5)		(47.8)		(51.9)
3 years		21.6		17.1		22.9		25.1
White		22.3		17.7		21.2		23.9
Other races		16.8		13.1		27.8		32.5
(Black)		(14.9)		(12.1)		(28.4)		(22.9)
4 years		46.3		34.8		40.1		43.1
White		44.7		34.3		38.9		42.3
Other races		57.7		38.7		43.9		47.2
(Black)		(61.0)		(37.6)		(45.0)		(42.9)
5 years		82.6		84.9		76.6		83.0
White		84.0		85.8		77.6		83.4
Other races		72.3		79.7		73.2		80.4
(Black)		(72.9)		(80.6)		(72.3)		(80.5)

*Numbers shown for "Black" are also included in "other races."
NOTE: Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

Table 3.–Population and preprimary enrollment of children 3 to 5 years old, by metropolitan status, age, and race: United States, October 1975

(Numbers in thousands)

Age and race*	Metropolitan, central			Metropolitan, other			Nonmetropolitan		
		Enrolled			Enrolled			Enrolled	
	Population	Number	Percent	Population	Number	Percent	Population	Number	Percent
Total 3 – 5 years	3,052	1,522	49.9	3,830	2,072	54.1	3,302	1,362	41.2
White	2,022	1,003	49.6	3,465	1,867	53.9	2,954	1,236	41.8
Other races	1,030	518	50.3	365	205	56.2	349	126	36.0
(Black)	(915)	(459)	(50.2)	(287)	(158)	(55.1)	(318)	(114)	(35.8)
3 years	991	260	26.2	1,158	281	24.3	1,028	141	13.8
White	657	173	26.4	1,035	243	23.5	925	135	14.6
Other races	334	87	26.0	123	39	31.4	103	7	6.6
(Black)	(293)	(75)	(25.6)	(101)	(28)	(28.2)	(97)	(5)	(5.3)
4 years	1,049	451	43.0	1,304	610	46.8	1,146	357	31.2
White	695	287	41.3	1,195	551	46.1	1,010	308	30.4
Other races	354	164	46.4	109	59	54.1	136	50	36.6
(Black)	(308)	(141)	(45.7)	(84)	(47)	(55.4)	(124)	(48)	(38.9)
5 years	1,013	810	80.0	1,368	1,181	86.3	1,128	863	76.5
White	670	543	81.0	1,235	1,073	86.9	1,018	794	78.0
Other races	343	268	78.1	134	108	80.7	110	69	62.8
(Black)	(314)	(243)	(77.4)	(103)	(83)	(81.1)	(97)	(61)	(62.5)

*Numbers shown for "Black" are also included in "other races."
NOTE: Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

Table 4.–Population and preprimary enrollment of children 3 to 5 years old, by level of family income, age, and race: United States, October 1975

(Numbers in thousands)

Age and race*	Under $3,000		$3,000-$4,999		$5,000-$7,499		$7,500-$9,999		$10,000 and over		Income not reported	
	Population	Enrolled	Population	Enrolled	Population	Enrolled	Population	Enrolled	Population	Enrolled	Population	Enrolled
Total 3 – 5 years	607	246	947	370	1,350	556	1,141	501	5,486	2,948	654	335
White	300	106	622	246	991	391	960	405	5,030	2,688	538	270
Other races	308	140	325	124	359	164	181	97	455	259	116	65
(Black)	(291)	(130)	(306)	(113)	(316)	(147)	(166)	(94)	(350)	(193)	(92)	(55)
3 years	244	50	303	35	440	69	330	35	1,685	452	174	42
White	116	19	195	19	326	49	284	28	1,553	404	143	32
Other races	128	31	108	16	114	20	46	7	132	48	32	10
(Black)	(125)	(31)	(102)	(16)	(101)	(18)	(41)	(7)	(95)	(30)	(28)	(6)
4 years	195	67	352	126	468	157	374	110	1,878	860	231	98
White	110	35	225	79	353	106	313	72	1,718	781	182	73
Other races	85	32	127	48	115	51	61	38	160	79	49	25
(Black)	(78)	(29)	(123)	(47)	(96)	(44)	(59)	(38)	(126)	(57)	(34)	(21)
5 years	168	128	293	209	442	330	437	357	1,922	1,635	248	195
White	74	52	202	148	311	237	364	304	1,759	1,503	213	165
Other races	95	77	90	60	130	93	73	52	163	133	35	30
(Black)	(88)	(70)	(81)	(51)	(119)	(85)	(67)	(49)	(130)	(105)	(30)	(27
	Enrolled as percent of population											
Total 3 – 5 years	40.5		39.1		41.2		44.0		53.7		51.2	
White	35.4		39.6		39.5		42.1		53.4		50.1	
Other races	45.4		38.0		45.8		53.6		57.0		56.1	
(Black)	(44.5)		(37.0)		(46.6)		(56.6)		(55.0)		(59.6)	
3 years	20.5		11.5		15.7		10.5		26.8		24.2	
White	16.7		9.8		14.9		9.7		26.0		22.6	
Other races	24.0		14.5		18.0		15.6		36.4		31.5	
(Black)	(24.6)		(15.4)		(18.2)		(17.7)		(32.0)		(22.9)	
4 years	34.4		36.0		33.5		29.4		45.8		42.2	
White	31.7		35.0		29.9		23.2		45.5		40.0	
Other races	38.0		37.7		44.4		61.2		49.2		50.4	
(Black)	(37.1)		(37.9)		(45.6)		(64.0)		(45.7)		(61.9)	
5 years	76.3		71.3		74.7		81.7		85.1		78.5	
White	70.3		73.5		76.2		83.8		85.4		77.3	
Other races	81.0		66.6		71.2		71.4		81.4		86.3	
(Black)	(79.6)		(62.8)		(71.6)		(73.8)		(80.8)		(91.5)	

*Numbers shown for "Black" are also included in "other races."
NOTE: Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

Table 5.--Population and preprimary enrollment of children 3 to 5 years old, by occupation of head of household, age, and race: United States, October 1975

(Numbers in thousands)

Age and race*	White-collar		Manual/service		Farm		Unemployed – NIFL		No household head	
	Population	Enrolled	Population	Enrolled	Population	Enrolled	Population	Enrolled	Population	Enrolled
Total 3 – 5 years . .	3,455	2,080	4,473	1,922	286	92	1,626	703	344	158
White	3,148	1,883	3,766	1,594	261	81	1 006	425	260	123
Other races	307	197	707	328	25	11	620	278	85	35
(Black)	(219)	(135)	(630)	(292)	(19)	(6)	(595)	(267)	(59)	(32)
3 years	1,030	355	1,362	187	95	3	566	110	124	29
White	942	308	1,150	155	88	2	347	66	90	20
Other races	87	47	212	32	8	1	219	44	33	8
(Black)	(63)	(33)	(182)	(24)	(8)	(1)	(213)	(42)	(25)	(8)
4 years	1,193	659	1,537	471	82	18	563	210	124	60
White	1,077	591	1,291	365	76	16	364	127	92	47
Other races	116	69	246	106	5	2	200	83	32	13
(Black)	(84)	(49)	(217)	(93)	(4)	(2)	(192)	(82)	(19)	(9)
5 years	1,232	1,066	1,574	1,263	109	71	496	383	97	70
White	1,128	985	1,325	1,074	97	63	295	232	77	56
Other races	104	82	249	190	12	8	201	151	19	14
(Black)	(72)	(52)	(230)	(175)	(7)	(3)	(190)	(144)	(15)	(14)
	Enrolled as percent of population									
Total 3 – 5 years . .	60.2		43.0		32.2		43.2		46.0	
White	59.8		42.3		31.0		42.3		47.5	
Other races	64.2		46.4		44.7		44.8		41.5	
(Black)	(61.6)		(46.4)		(33.9)		(44.9)		(53.1)	
3 years	34.5		13.7		2.9		19.4		23.3	
White	32.7		13.5		1.9		19.1		22.5	
Other races	53.7		15.0		14.7		19.9		25.4	
(Black)	(53.1)		(13.2)		(14.7)		(19.6)		(33.7)	
4 years	55.2		30.7		22.5		37.2		48.3	
White	54.8		28.3		21.1		34.8		51.2	
Other races	59.2		43.2		42.5		41.6		39.9	
(Black)	(58.9)		(42.8)		(63.9)		(42.6)		(47.6)	
5 years	86.5		80.3		65.2		77.2		72.1	
White	87.3		81.0		65.4		78.6		72.2	
Other races	78.6		76.2		64.1		75.2		71.5	
(Black)	(72.3)		(76.0)		(39.3)		(75.7)		(91.9)	

*Numbers shown for "Black" are also included in "other races."
NOTE: Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

Table 6.–Population and preprimary enrollment of children 3 to 5 years old, by years of school completed by head of household, age, and race: United States, October 1975

(Numbers in thousands)

Age and race*	Population 3 to 5 years old and preprimary enrollment, by years of schooling completed by household head											
	Elementary 0-8 years		High school 1-3 years		High school 4 years		College 1-3 years		College 4 years or more		No head of household	
	Population	Enrolled	Population	Enrolled	Population	Enrolled	Population	Enrolled	Population	Enrolled	Population	Enrolled
Total 3 – 5 years	1,098	436	1,652	682	3,780	1,695	1,526	817	1,784	1,166,	344	158
White	798	301	1,191	474	3,213	1,419	1,354	727	1,625	1,061	260	123
Other races	300	134	461	208	567	277	172	90	159	105	85	35
(Black)	(274)	(128)	(433)	(193)	(525)	(252)	(145)	(74)	(85)	(53)	(59)	(32)
3 years	365	42	513	62	1,170	198	459	122	547	230	124	29
White	257	20	369	37	993	159	411	113	497	203	90	20
Other races	108	22	144	26	177	40	48	9	50	27	33	8
(Black)	(96)	(22)	(139)	(24)	(168)	(36)	(45)	(9)	(19)	(9)	(25)	(8)
4 years	346	109	548	148	1,330	449	548	253	603	399	124	60
White	241	67	387	89	1,147	365	481	213	551	364	92	47
Other races	105	42	160	59	183	84	66	40	52	35	32	13
(Black)	(97)	(42)	(148)	(54)	(163)	(72)	(56)	(35)	(32)	(23)	(19)	(9)
5 years	387	285	591	471	1,280	1,048	520	442	634	538	97	70
White	300	215	435	348	1,073	895	462	402	576	494	77	56
Other races	87	71	156	123	207	153	58	40	57	43	19	14
(Black)	(81)	(64)	(146)	(115)	(194)	(144)	(44)	(30)	(34)	(21)	(15)	(14)
	Enrolled as percent of population											
Total 3 – 5 years	39.7		41.3		44.9		53.5		65.4		46.0	
White	37.8		39.8		44.2		53.7		65.3		47.5	
Other races	44.8		45.2		48.8		52.2		66.0		41.5	
(Black)	46.8		(44.5)		(47.9)		(51.2)		(62.8)		(53.1)	
3 years	11.5		12.2		17.0		26.6		42.0		23.3	
White	7.7		9.9		16.0		27.4		40.8		22.5	
Other races	20.6		17.9		22.4		19.3		53.7		25.4	
(Black)	(23.1)		(17.2)		(21.2)		(20.6)		(50.5)		(33.7)	
4 years	31.4		27.1		33.8		46.3		66.2		48.3	
White	27.9		23.0		31.8		44.2		66.1		51.2	
Other races	39.6		36.9		45.8		61.0		67.3		39.9	
(Black)	(43.1)		(36.6)		(44.1)		(63.1)		(71.7)		(47.6)	
5 years	73.7		79.7		81.8		85.0		84.8		72.1	
White	71.6		80.0		83.4		87.0		85.8		72.2	
Other races	80.9		78.8		73.9		69.1		75.4		71.5	
(Black)	(79.4)		78.4)		(74.3)		(67.3)		(61.1)		(91.9)	

*Numbers shown for "Black" are also included in "other races."
NOTE: Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

Table 7.–Preprimary enrollment of children 3 to 5 years old in full-day and part-day attendance, by level, age, and race: United States, October 1975

(Numbers in thousands)

Age and race*	Preprimary enrollment			Enrolled in prekindergarten			Enrolled in kindergarten		
	Total	Full day	Part day	Total	Full day	Part day	Total	Full day	Part day
Total 3 – 5 years	4,955	1,295	3,660	1,745	591	1,154	3,211	704	2,506
White	4,106	897	3,209	1,429	385	1,044	2,677	512	2,165
Other races	849	398	451	316	206	110	533	192	341
(Black)	(732)	(358)	(374)	(276)	(188)	(88)	(455)	(170)	(286)
3 years	683	260	423	653	246	407	30	13	16
White	551	171	380	535	164	370	16	7	9
Other races	132	89	43	119	82	37	37	7	7
(Black)	(109)	(81)	(27)	(101)	(75)	(26)	(8)	(7)	(1)
4 years	1,418	411	1,008	976	305	671	442	106	337
White	1,146	258	888	804	197	607	342	62	280
Other races	273	152	120	173	108	64	100	44	56
(Black)	(235)	(135)	(100)	(151)	(98)	(53)	(85)	(37)	(47)
5 years	2,854	625	2,229	115	40	75	2,739	585	2,153
White	2,409	468	1,942	91	24	67	2,319	444	1,875
Other races	445	157	287	25	16	9	420	142	278
(Black)	(387)	(141)	(246)	(25)	(16)	(9)	(362)	(126)	(237)
	Percent of number enrolled								
Total 3 – 5 years	100.0	26.1	73.9	100.0	33.9	66.1	100.0	21.9	78.1
White	100.0	21.6	78.2	100.0	26.9	73.1	100.0	19.1	80.9
Other races	100.0	46.9	53.1	100.0	65.3	34.7	100.0	36.1	63.9
(Black)	(100.0)	(48.9)	(51.1)	(100.0)	(68.2)	(31.8)	(100.0)	(37.2)	(62.8)
3 years	100.0	38.0	62.0	100.0	37.7	62.3	100.0	45.3	54.7
White	100.0	31.1	68.9	100.0	30.7	69.3	100.0	41.9	58.1
Other races	100.0	67.1	32.9	100.0	69.1	30.9	100.0	49.5	50.5
(Black)	(100.0)	(74.8)	(25.2)	(100.0)	(74.2)	(25.8)	(100.0)	(81.9)	(18.1)
4 years	100.0	28.9	71.1	100.0	31.2	68.8	100.0	23.9	76.1
White	100.0	22.5	77.5	100.0	24.5	75.5	100.0	18.0	82.0
Other races	100.0	55.9	44.1	100.0	62.8	37.2	100.0	44.0	56.0
(Black)	(100.0)	(57.4)	(42.6)	(100.0)	(64.9)	(35.1)	(100.0)	(44.1)	(55.9)
5 years	100.0	21.9	78.1	100.0	34.6	65.4	100.0	21.4	78.6
White	100.0	19.4	80.6	100.0	26.5	73.5	100.0	19.1	80.9
Other races	100.0	35.4	64.6	100.0	64.1	35.9	100.0	33.7	66.3
(Black)	(100.0)	(36.5)	(63.5)	(100.0)	(64.1)	(35.9)	(100.0)	(34.6)	(65.4)

*Numbers for "Black" are also included in "other races."
NOTE: Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

Table 8.–Population, preprimary enrollment of children 3 to 5 years old, and percent distribution, by selected characteristics: United States, October 1975

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristics	Number in population	Enrolled in prekindergarten			Enrolled in kindergarten		
		Total	Public	Nonpublic	Total	Public	Nonpublic
Total	10,185	1,745	570	1,174	3,211	2,682	528
Family income							
Under $3,000	607	91	74	17	155	147	8
$3,000-$4,999	947	124	96	28	246	227	19
$5,000-$7,499	1,350	168	85	84	387	354	34
$7,500-$9,999	1,141	100	41	59	401	344	58
$10,000 and over	5,486	1,133	230	903	1,814	1,448	366
Income not reported	654	129	45	83	206	163	43
Occupation of household head							
White collar	3,455	865	171	694	1,215	938	277
Manual/service	4,473	535	216	319	1,367	1,194	193
Farm	286	17	7	10	75	69	6
Unemployed-NILF	1,626	240	154	87	463	423	40
No household head	344	87	23	64	71	58	13
Metropolitan status							
Metropolitan, central	3,052	604	242	362	918	743	175
Metropolitan, other	3,830	741	191	549	1,331	1,123	209
Nonmetropolitan	3,302	401	137	263	961	816	145
Region							
Northeast	2,213	411	127	284	703	621	81
North Central	2,720	451	157	294	828	748	80
South	3,346	513	165	348	1,059	760	299
West	1,906	369	121	248	620	552	68
	Percent distribution						
Family income	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Under $3,000	6.0	5.2	13.0	1.4	4.8	5.5	1.5
$3,000-$4,999	9.3	7.1	16.7	2.4	7.7	8.5	3.7
$5,000-$7,499	13.3	9.7	14.9	7.1	12.1	13.2	6.4
$7,500-$9,999	11.2	5.7	7.2	5.1	12.5	12.8	10.9
$10,000 and over	53.9	64.9	40.3	76.9	56.5	54.0	69.3
Income not reported	6.4	7.4	8.0	7.1	6.4	6.1	8.1
Occupation of household head							
White collar	33.9	49.6	30.0	59.1	37.8	35.0	52.4
Manual/service	43.9	30.7	37.8	27.2	43.2	44.5	36.5
Farm	2.8	1.0	1.2	.9	2.3	2.6	1.2
Unemployed-NILF	16.0	13.8	26.9	7.4	14.4	15.8	7.6
No household head	3.4	5.0	4.1	5.4	2.2	2.2	2.4
Residence							
Metropolitan, central	30.0	34.6	42.4	30.8	28.6	27.7	33.1
Metropolitan, other	37.6	42.4	33.5	46.8	41.5	41.9	39.5
Nonmetropolitan	32.4	23.0	24.1	22.4	29.9	30.4	27.4
Region							
Northeast	21.7	23.6	22.3	24.2	21.9	23.2	15.4
North Central	26.7	25.9	27.5	25.1	25.8	27.9	15.1
South	32.9	29.4	28.9	29.7	33.0	28.4	56.6
West	18.7	21.1	21.2	21.1	19.3	20.6	12.9

NOTE: Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

Table 9.–Five-year-old children enrolled in preprimary programs, by selected characteristics: United States, October 1975

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristics	Number in population	Primary enrollment					
		Total		Public		Nonpublic	
		Enrolled	Percent	Enrolled	Percent	Enrolled	Percent
Total 5 years old	3,509	322	9.2	268	7.6	54	1.5
White	2,923	236	8.1	195	6.7	41	1.4
Other races	586	86	14.7	73	12.5	13	2.2
(Black)*	(514)	(75)	(14.6)	(64)	(12.4)	(12)	(2.3)
Family income							
Under $3,000	168	3	2.0	3	2.0	0	.0
$3,000-$4,999	293	41	14.0	41	14.0	0	.0
$5,000-$7,499	442	41	9.4	36	8.2	5	1.2
$7,500-$9,999	437	40	9.0	32	7.3	8	1.8
$10,000 and over	1,922	174	9.1	138	7.2	36	1.9
Income not reported	248	22	9.0	18	7.1	5	1.9
Occupation of household head							
White colar	1,232	108	8.7	81	6.5	27	2.2
Manual/service	1,574	142	9.0	121	7.7	21	1.3
Farm	109	10	9.3	8	7.8	2	1.5
Unemployed-NILF	496	47	9.4	43	8.6	4	.8
No household head	97	15	15.7	15	15.7	0	.0
Residence							
Metropolitan, central	1,013	121	12.0	107	10.6	14	1.4
Metropolitan, other	1,368	126	9.2	96	7.0	30	2.2
Nonmetropolitan	1,128	75	6.6	65	5.8	10	.8
Region							
Northeast	742	92	12.5	80	10.7	13	1.7
North Central	947	65	6.9	52	5.5	13	1.4
South	1,149	103	9.0	79	6.9	24	2.1
West	671	61	9.1	58	8.6	4	.5

*Numbers for "Black" are also included in "other races."
NOTE: Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

Table 10.–Population, preprimary enrollment of children 6 years old, and percent distribution, by selected characteristics: United States, October 1975

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristics	Number in population	Preprimary enrollment			Enrolled in prekindergarten			Enrolled in kindergarten		
		Total	Public	Nonpublic	Total	Public	Nonpublic	Total	Public	Nonpublic
Total 6 years old	**3,446**	**186**	**172**	**14**	**3**	**3**	**0**	**183**	**168**	**14**
White	2,872	171	157	14	3	3	0	168	154	14
Other races	575	14	14	0	0	0	0	14	14	0
(Black)*	(515)	(12)	(12)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(12)	(12)	(0)
Family income										
Under $3,000	164	18	18	0	0	0	0	18	18	0
$3,000-$4,999	311	19	19	0	0	0	0	19	19	0
$5,000-$7,499	449	21	15	6	1	1	0	19	13	6
$7,500-$9,999	360	20	20	0	0	0	0	20	20	0
$10,000 and over	1,912	87	8	2	2	2	0	93	85	8
Income not reported	250	13	13	0	0	0	0	13	13	0
Occupation of household head										
White collar	1,230	44	34	9	0	0	0	44	34	9
Manual/service	1,499	83	80	3	3	3	0	80	77	3
Farm	84	12	12	0	0	0	0	12	12	0
Unemployed-NILF	525	30	29	1	0	0	0	30	29	1
No household head	109	16	16	0	0	0	0	16	16	0
Residence										
Metropolitan, central	1,049	54	44	10	0	0	0	54	44	10
Metropolitan, other	1,339	62	60	1	3	3	0	59	57	1
Nonmetropolitan	1,058	70	67	3	0	0	0	70	67	3
Region										
Northeast	829	27	25	1	3	3	0	24	22	1
North Central	916	75	73	2	0	0	0	75	73	2
South	1,099	46	39	8	0	0	0	46	39	8
West	603	37	34	3	0	0	0	37	34	3
		Percent of number enrolled								
Total 6 years old		5.4	5.0	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	5.3	4.9	0.4
White		6.0	5.5	.5	.1	.1	.0	5.9	5.4	.5
Other races		2.5	2.5	.0	.0	.0	.0	2.5	2.5	.0
(Black)		(2.4)	(2.4)	(.0)	(.0)	(.0)	(.0)	(2.4)	(2.4)	(.0)
Family income										
Under $3,000		10.8	10.8	.0	.0	.0	.0	10.8	10.8	.0
$3,000-$4,999		6.1	6.1	.0	.0	.0	.0	6.1	6.1	.0
$5,000-$7,499		4.6	3.3	1.3	.3	.3	.0	2.9	2.9	.0
$7,500-$9,999		5.6	5.6	.0	.0	.0	.0	5.6	5.6	.0
$10,000 and over		4.9	4.5	.4	.1	.1	.0	4.9	4.5	.4
Income not reported		5.3	5.3	.0	.0	.0	.0	5.3	5.3	.0
Occupation of household head										
White collar		3.6	2.8	.8	.0	.0	.0	3.6	2.8	.8
Manual/service		5.5	5.3	.2	.2	.2	.0	5.3	5.1	.2
Farm		14.3	14.3	.0	.0	.0	.0	14.3	14.3	.0
Unemployed-NILF		5.8	5.5	.3	.0	.0	.0	5.8	5.5	.3
No household head		14.9	14.9	.0	.0	.0	.0	14.9	14.9	.0
Residence										
Metropolitan, central		5.1	4.2	.9	.0	.0	.0	5.1	4.2	.9
Metropolitan, other		4.6	4.5	.1	.2	.2	.0	4.4	4.3	.1
Nonmetropolitan		6.7	6.4	.3	.0	.0	.0	6.7	6.4	.3
Region										
Northeast		3.3	3.1	.2	.4	.4	.0	2.9	2.7	.2
North Central		8.2	8.0	.2	.0	.0	.0	8.2	8.0	.2
South		4.2	3.5	.7	.0	.0	.0	4.2	3.5	.7
West		6.2	5.7	.5	.0	.0	.0	6.2	5.7	.5

*Numbers for "Black" are also included in "other races."
NOTE: Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

Table 11.–Historical summary of population and preprimary enrollment of children 3 to 5 years old, by level of family income, occupation of head of household, metropolitan status, and race: United States, 1968 - 1975

(Numbers in thousands)

Characteristics	1968			1970			1972			1974			1975		
	Population	Enrolled		Population	Enrolled		Population	Enrolled		Population	Enrolled		Population	Enrolled	
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent
Total 3 – 5 years	11,905	3,928	33.0	10,949	4,104	37.5	10,166	4,231	41.6	10,393	4,699	45.2	10,185	4,955	48.7
White	9,968	3,310	33.2	9,098	3,443	37.8	8,560	3,542	41.4	8,667	3,941	45.5	8,441	4,106	48.6
Other races	1,937	618	31.9	1,851	661	35.7	1,606	689	42.9	1,726	759	44.0	1,744	849	48.7
Family income															
Less than $3,000	1,150	269	23.4	916	224	24.4	841	285	33.9	604	199	32.9	607	246	40.5
White	577	123	21.3	467	112	24.0	472	148	31.4	318	87	27.3	300	106	35.4
Other races	573	146	25.5	450	112	24.9	369	137	37.1	286	112	39.2	308	140	45.4
$3,000-$4,999	1,858	480	25.8	1,312	392	29.9	1,229	410	33.4	933	331	35.5	947	370	39.1
White	1,321	304	23.0	869	226	26.0	877	274	31.2	592	185	31.2	622	246	39.6
Other races	537	176	32.8	443	116	37.5	352	136	38.8	340	146	42.9	325	124	38.0
$5,000-$7,499	2,938	835	28.4	2,277	737	32.4	1,691	580	34.3	1,356	524	38.6	1,350	556	41.2
White	2,567	717	27.9	1,911	590	30.8	1,407	447	31.8	1,036	369	35.6	991	391	39.5
Other races	371	118	31.8	366	148	40.3	284	134	47.0	320	156	48.6	359	164	45.8
$7,500 and over	5,266	2,121	40.3	5,641	2,433	43.1	5,827	2,704	46.4	6,849	3,334	48.7	6,627	3,449	52.0
White	4,917	1,975	40.2	5,184	2,235	40.3	5,287	2,455	46.4	6,178	3,045	49.3	5,990	3,093	51.6
Other races	349	146	41.8	457	197	43.0	540	250	46.3	670	289	43.1	636	356	56.0
Occupation of household head															
White collar	4,123	1,700	41.2	3,807	1,791	47.0	3,414	1,772	51.9	3,714	2,072	55.8	3,455	2,080	60.2
White	3,867	1,577	40.8	3,550	1,652	46.5	3,186	1,654	51.9	3,380	1,906	56.4	3,148	1,883	59.8
Other races	256	123	48.0	257	139	53.9	229	118	51.5	334	166	49.8	307	197	64.2
Manual/service	5,866	1,682	28.7	5,231	1,678	32.1	4,764	1,697	35.6	4,811	1,920	39.9	4,473	1,922	43.0
White	4,788	1,347	28.1	4,235	1,359	32.1	3,979	1,376	34.6	4,002	1,565	39.1	3,766	1,594	42.3
Other races	1,078	335	31.1	996	319	32.0	784	321	40.9	809	354	43.8	707	328	46.4
Farm	467	101	21.6	346	82	23.6	343	98	28.7	286	83	29.0	286	92	32.0
White	380	92	24.2	294	70	23.9	307	89	29.0	244	63	25.7	261	81	31.0
Other races	87	9	10.3	51	11	22.1	36	9	25.8	42	20	47.4	25	11	44.7
Unemployed-NILF	1,153	345	29.9	1,213	415	34.2	1,320	507	38.4	1,272	479	37.7	1,626	703	43.2
White	690	208	30.1	719	245	34.1	805	286	35.6	790	289	36.6	1,006	425	42.3
Other races	463	137	29.6	494	169	34.3	516	221	42.8	481	190	39.5	620	278	44.8
Residence															
Metropolitan, central	3,392	1,246	36.7	3,088	1,218	39.4	3,029	1,324	43.7	3,040	1,429	47.0	3,052	1,522	49.9
White	2,356	842	35.7	2,101	821	39.1	2,103	906	43.1	2,067	1,003	48.5	2,022	1,003	49.6
Other races	1,036	404	39.0	987	397	40.2	926	418	45.1	973	426	43.8	1,030	518	50.3
Metropolitan, other	4,242	1,562	36.8	3,949	1,705	43.2	3,830	1,784	46.6	3,978	1,994	50.1	3,830	2,072	54.1
White	3,954	1,462	37.0	3,643	1,587	43.6	3,539	1,637	46.3	3,618	1,829	50.5	3,465	1,867	53.9
Other races	288	100	34.7	306	118	38.6	291	147	50.5	360	166	46.1	365	205	56.2
Nonmetropolitan	4,266	1,120	26.3	3,913	1,181	30.2	3,307	1,123	34.0	3,375	1,276	37.8	3,302	1,362	41.2
White	3,655	1,006	27.5	3,354	1,035	30.9	2,917	999	34.2	2,982	1,110	37.2	2,954	1,236	41.8
Other races	611	114	18.7	558	146	26.1	390	124	31.9	393	166	42.3	349	126	36.0

APPENDIXES

A. Definitions and Explanations

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Appendix A

DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Population Coverage. The data presented in this report relate to the noninstitutional population in the 50 States and the District of Columbia. Most tables cover the 3- to 5-year-old population; some tables also include 6-year-olds.

***Age.** The age classification is based on the age of the person on his last birthday.

Race. The term "race" refers to the division of the population into two groups: "White" and "other" (which includes Blacks, Indians, Japanese, Chinese, and others). In this report, Blacks have also been shown independently.

Primary. The primary level is a distinct organization within an elementary school for pupils in the primary grades, usually equivalent to grades 1 through 3.

Preprimary. The preprimary level is intended only for beginning groups of children during the year or years preceding the primary level. In this report, preprimary level is defined as including prekindergarten and kindergarten programs.

Preprimary program. A preprimary program is defined as a set of organized educational experiences intended for children attending prekindergarten and kindergarten classes. Such programs may be offered by a public or nonpublic school or by some other agency. Children enrolled in "Head Start" programs are counted under prekindergarten or kindergarten, as appropriate. Institutions which offer essentially custodial care, such as many "day care centers" do, are not included.

***Public or nonpublic school.** In this report, a public school is defined as any educational institution operated by publicly elected or appointed school officials and supported by public funds. Nonpublic schools include educational institutions established and operated by religious groups, as well as those which are under other private control.

Part-day and full-day attendance. Part-day attendance refers to those children who attend either in the morning or in the afternoon, but not both. Full-day attendance refers to those who attend in both the morning and afternoon.

***Family.** The term "family," as used here, refers to a group of two or more persons related by blood, marriage, or adoption and residing together; all such persons are considered as members of one family.

***Family income.** Income, as defined in this report, represents the combined total money income of the family before deductions for personal taxes, Social Security, bonds, etc. It is the algebraic sum of money wages and salaries, net income from self-employment, and income other than earnings received by all family members during the 12 months prior to the survey.

***Head of household.** The household head is the person designated as such by the respondent for the household, regardless of whether he is related to other household members by blood, marriage, or adoption. "No household head" refers to families in which the household head is a member of the Armed Forces, not residing at home.

Metropolitan-nonmetropolitan residence (Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas). The population residing in Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas (SMSA's) constitutes the metropolitan population. Except in New England, an SMSA is a county or group of contiguous counties which contains at least one city of at least 50,000. In addition to the county or counties containing such a city or cities, contiguous counties are included in an SMSA if, according to

*Excerpted from defintions used by the Bureau of the Census in its *Current Population Report* series.

certain criteria, they are essentially metropolitan in character and are socially and economically integrated with the central city. In New England, SMSA's consist of towns and cities, rather than counties. The metropolitan population in this report is based on SMSA's as defined in the 1970 census and does not include any subsequent additions or changes.

Appendix B

LIST OF STATES BY REGION*

NORTHEAST	NORTH CENTRAL	SOUTH	WEST
Connecticut	Illinois	Alabama	Arizona
Maine	Indiana	Arkansas	California
Massachusetts	Iowa	Delaware	Colorado
New Hampshire	Kansas	District of Columbia	Idaho
New Jersey	Michigan	Florida	Montana
New York	Minnesota	Georgia	Nevada
Pennsylvania	Missouri	Kentucky	New Mexico
Rhode Island	Nebraska	Louisiana	Oregon
Vermont	North Dakota	Maryland	Utah
	Ohio	Mississippi	Washington
	South Dakota	North Carolina	Wyoming
	Wisconsin	Oklahoma	Alaska
		South Carolina	Hawaii
		Tennessee	
		Texas	
		Virginia	
		West Virginia	

*As grouped by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Appendix C

SAMPLING RELIABILITY

Because the figures in this report are estimates derived from a sample, they are subject to sampling variability. Approximate standard errors for estimates from the survey are presented in tables A and B as guides to users of the data.

The standard error is a measure of sampling variability such that the chances are about 2 out of 3 that the difference between an estimate and the figure that would have been obtained from a complete census of the population would be less than the limit of error specified in the tables. The chances are about 19 in 20 that the difference would be less than twice the standard error shown. The standard error does not reflect response biases or systematic errors in the data such as would be applicable even if there were complete coverage of the population.

For estimates of numbers, the measures of sampling variability shown in table A may be used as a guide in analyzing the data in this report. For percentages derived for various population groups, the measures of sampling variability shown in table B may be used. Percentages derived from a larger base than shown will be subject to smaller relative errors.

As an example of the use these tables, consider the estimated number of 3-year-old children who are enrolled in nonpublic preprimary programs. This estimate is given in table 2 as 385,000. An approximate standard error for this estimate can be obtained from table A as follows: The estimated number 385,000 falls approximately 54 percent of the distance between 250,000 and 500,000 in table A. Fifty-four percent of the difference between 21,000 and 29,000 is 4,320. This latter figure added to 21,000 yields a standard error of approximately 25,000. As shown in table 2, an estimated 11.2 percent of the 3-year-old children are enrolled in nonpublic preprimary programs. The base for this percentage is 3,441,000. An approximate standard error for the estimated percentage (between .8 and .6) can be obtained from table B by a two-way interpolation process similar to that illustrated for table A.

Noninterview and Nonresponse

For various reasons, interviewers were unable to contact about 5 percent of the sample households in the monthly Current Population Survey. Adjustments for nonresponse to items on school enrollment were very slight. They were made by allocating enrollment status on the basis of the last person of the same age, sex, and race encountered in the process of tabulation. The bias reflected in the data in this report as a result of these adjustments is thought to be minimal.

Table A.–Standard errors of estimated numbers (68 chances out of 100)

Size of estimate	Standard error	Size of estimate	Standard error
25,000	7,000	1,000,000	40,000
50,000	9,000	1,500,000	49,000
100,000	13,000	2,500,000	70,000
250,000	21,000	5,000,000	77,000
500,000	29,000	7,500,000	83,000
750,000	35,000	10,000,000	80,000

Table B.–Standard errors of estimated percentages (68 chances out of 100)

(Base of percentage: thousands)

Estimated percentage	250	500	750	1,000	1,500	2,500	5,000	7,500	10,000
2 or 98	1.2	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2
5 or 95	1.8	1.3	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.3
10 or 90	2.5	1.8	1.4	1.3	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.4
20 or 80	3.3	2.4	1.9	1.7	1.4	1.1	0.7	0.6	0.5
35 or 65	4.0	2.8	2.3	2.0	1.6	1.3	0.9	0.7	0.6
50	4.2	2.9	2.4	2.1	1.7	1.3	0.9	0.8	0.7

Appendix D

REPRODUCTION OF QUESTIONS ON SCHOOL ENROLLMENT FROM OCTOBER 1974 CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY FORM

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FIRST CHILD 3–13 YEARS OLD	SECOND CHILD 3–13 YEARS OLD	THIRD CHILD 3–13 YEARS OLD
25. Line number — Tens: 0 1 2 3; Units: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	**25. Line number** — Tens: 0 1 2 3; Units: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	**25. Line number** — Tens: 0 1 2 3; Units: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
27. Age last birthday — 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13	**27. Age last birthday** — 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13	**27. Age last birthday** — 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13
29. Race — White ○ Negro ○ Other ○	**29. Race** — White ○ Negro ○ Other ○	**29. Race** — White ○ Negro ○ Other ○
30. Sex — Male ○ Female ○	**30. Sex** — Male ○ Female ○	
34. Is ... attending or enrolled in school? Yes ○ *(Ask 35)* No ○ *(End questions)*	**34. Is ... attending or enrolled in school?** Yes ○ *(Ask 35)* No ○ *(End questions)*	**34. Is ... attending or enrolled in school?** Yes ○ *(Ask 35)* No ○ *(End questions)*
35. Is it a public or a private school? Public ○ Private ○ *(Include parochial)* *(Ask 36)*	**35. Is it a public or a private school?** Public ○ Private ○ *(Include parochial)* *(Ask 36)*	**35. Is it a public or a private school?** Public ○ Private ○ *(Include parochial)* *(Ask 36)*
36. What grade is ... attending? *(If nursery or kindergarten, ask if full-day or part-day)*	**36. What grade is ... attending?** *(If nursery or kindergarten, ask if full-day or part-day)*	**36. What grade is ... attending?** *(If nursery or kindergarten, ask if full-day or part-day)*
Nursery: Full-day ○ Part-day ○	Nursery: Full-day ○ Part-day ○	Nursery: Full-day ○ Part-day ○
Kindergarten: Full-day ○ Part-day ○	Kindergarten: Full-day ○ Part-day ○	Kindergarten: Full-day ○ Part-day ○
Elementary or secondary *(Grade)*: E1 ○ E2 ○ E3 ○ E4 ○ E5 ○ E6 ○ E7 ○ E8 ○ H1 ○ H2 ○ H3 ○ H4 ○ *(Ask 37)*	Elementary or secondary *(Grade)*: E1 ○ E2 ○ E3 ○ E4 ○ E5 ○ E6 ○ E7 ○ E8 ○ H1 ○ H2 ○ H3 ○ H4 ○ *(Ask 37)*	Elementary or secondary *(Grade)*: E1 ○ E2 ○ E3 ○ E4 ○ E5 ○ E6 ○ E7 ○ E8 ○ H1 ○ H2 ○ H3 ○ H4 ○ *(Ask 37)*
Special School ○ *(Specify type)* *(Skip to 38)*	Special School ○ *(Specify type)* *(Skip to 38)*	Special School ○ *(Specify type)*

Appendix D

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POPULATION SURVEY FORM
Bureau of the Census
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SECOND CHILD 3–13 YEARS OLD			THIRD CHILD 3–13 YEARS OLD			
Age last birthday	29. Race	30. Sex	25. Line number (Tens, Units)	27. Age last birthday	29. Race	30. Sex
3 ○	White	Male	Tens: 0 1 2 3 — Units: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	3 ○	White	Male
4 ○	○	○		4 ○	○	○
5 ○				5 ○		
6 ○				6 ○		
7 ○	Negro	Female		7 ○	Negro	Female
8 ○ ■	○	○		8 ○ ■	○	○
9 ○				9 ○		
10 ○				10 ○		
11 ○	Other			11 ○	Other	
12 ○	○			12 ○	○	
13 ○				13 ○		

...enrolled in school?
(Ask 35) No ○ *(End questions)*

...private school?
Private ○ *(Include parochial)*
(Ask 36)

...attending?
...nursery, ask if full-day or part-day)
Elementary or secondary *(Grade)*
E1 ○ E5 ○ H1 ○
E2 ○ E6 ○ H2 ○
E3 ○ E7 ○ H3 ○
E4 ○ E8 ○ H4 ○
(Ask 37)
Special School ○ *(Specify type)*
(Skip to 38)

34. Is ... attending or enrolled in school?
Yes ○ (Ask 35) No ○ *(End questions)*

35. Is it a public or a private school?
Public ○ Private ○ *(Include parochial)*
(Ask 36)

36. What grade is ... attending?
(If nursery or kindergarten, ask if full-day or part-day)
Nursery
Full-day ○
Part-day ○
Kindergarten
Full-day ○
Part-day ○
Elementary or secondary *(Grade)*
E1 ○ E5 ○ H1 ○
E2 ○ E6 ○ H2 ○
E3 ○ E7 ○ H3 ○
E4 ○ E8 ○ H4 ○
(Ask 37)
Special School ○ *(Specify type)*
(Skip to 38)

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